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Crew of 3 to replace Kits base

Search and rescue.
Critics argue small station in Coal Harbour won't be enough to make up for loss of coast-guard facility

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The federal government says a three-person inshore-rescue team stationed at an existing navy facility in Stanley Park will be well equipped to deal with emergencies once the Kitsilano Coast Guard station is closed, but critics are not satisfied.

Vancouver Coun. Kerry Jang said the city was never advised that the smaller station would be based at the HMCS Discovery in Coal Harbour.

No one from the city was invited to or informed of the announcement Wednesday morning, added Jang, who sneaked into the event with Chinese-language media.

"The issue of response times has not been addressed," Jang said.

The station, which will provide search-and-rescue services in the Vancouver harbour, will operate from the Victoria Day long weekend in May until after the Labour Day long weekend in September. Staff will comprise one rescue professional and two summer students.

Jody Thomas, deputy commissioner of coast-guard operations, admitted response times will not be the same when the Kits base closes.

"It will be a change in service but it won't be an unreasonable level of service," she told reporters. "Vancouver will still have more assets than any other major port in Canada and the response and reaction times will be within standards and mariners will be safe."

Dave Clark, regional vice-president of the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees, said closing the busiest coast-guard base in Canada will put lives at risk.

"You stay with what works. Lives are not stuff to take chances with. We have something here … it works. Why in the world would you take it away?" he said.

The Conservative government announced the closure almost a year ago and has since been met by public backlash and numerous protests. Vancouver's police and fire chiefs have also expressed their concerns in a letter they sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

There is still no firm date yet on when the Kits base will be closed.

Jody Thomas, deputy commissioner of operations for the Canadian Coast Guard, and Parliamentary Secretary Randy Kamp announce Wednesday that a new inshore-rescue boat station at HMCS Discovery in Stanley Park will replace the soon-to-be-closed Kitsilano Coast Guard station. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

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Men breached prohibition by using firearms: Police

A public gun range probably wasn't the best place to allegedly use firearms for three Lower Mainland men prohibited from possessing them.

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Matin Pouyan, 31, Bi Dong (Adam) Lam, 25, and Donggu (Kevin) Woo of Surrey, 25, were charged with one count each of possession of a firearm contradictory to a prohibition order.

They are known to police and have gang ties, according to Sgt. Lindsey Houghton, spokesman for the combined-forces special enforcement unit.

The men remain in custody. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Council

Motion backs mobile business licences

Small businesses that operate across the Lower Mainland may have fewer licensing headaches in 2013.

A motion before Vancouver council is calling for a pilot program of mobile business licences that would allow small businesses to operate across municipal boundaries without needing separate licences.

Similar licences have already been implemented in the Okanagan and in two Metro Vancouver municipalities, and the Vancouver Board of Trade has made them one of its priorities, according to Coun. Geoff Meggs' motion.

The program, which would reduce costs for small businesses, "seems like a common-sense idea to reduce red tape," Meggs wrote on his website. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

The good times are coming to an end at the Waldorf Hotel, which is shutting down after being sold to a condo developer. SCOTT LOUDOUN/FACEBOOK.COM

Waldorf Hotel taking final bow

Last call Jan. 20.
Local culture lovers lament loss of Eastside institution after sale to condo developer

An East Vancouver community is crying for culture, not condos, after the Waldorf Hotel, a "cultural oasis in the middle of nowhere," was sold to a developer.

Built in 1947, the hotel has been transformed into a vibrant cultural attraction over the last two years, with a tiki bar, nightclub, recording studio and art gallery.

But the refurbished venue will be shuttered on Jan. 20 after the landlord sold the space to condo developer Solterra, the Waldorf's brand manager Daniel Fazio said Wednesday.

"We did the renovation with the understanding we had a 15-year lease," Fazio said. "We took what was basically a dilapidated Eastside dive bar and turned it into a cultural hub."

Condolences and "RIP" messages flooded the venue's social-media pages.

"Kudos to the operators of the Waldorf for creating something people care about so deeply and by which they are so inspired," Aynsley Baldwin wrote on Facebook.

Meanwhile, Solterra faced a social-media backlash with dozens of vitriolic comments filling its Facebook feed.

"How can you do this to our community, to our city? You should be ashamed," Melanie Kuxdorf wrote.

Solterra did not return multiple requests for comment.

Gavin Crickmore, the lawyer for the Waldorf's landlord, refused to comment "on any sale or potential sale of the hotel."

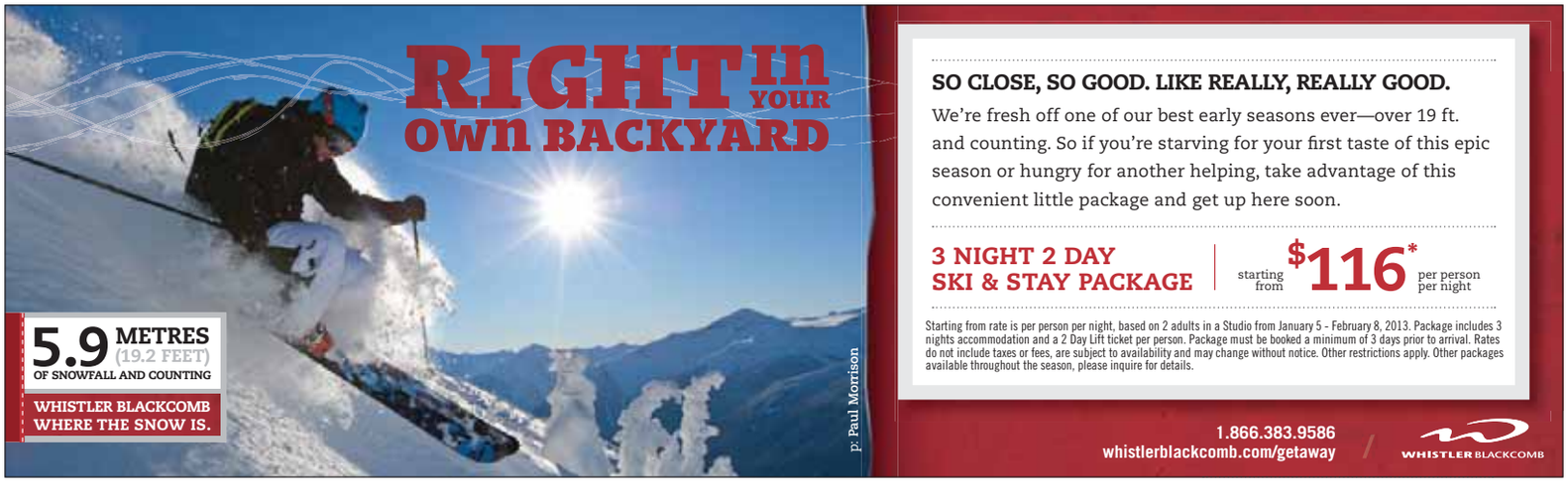
Yet Crickmore said there never was a formal 15-year lease, only an offer to lease. The four-month lease signed last September expired on Jan. 7, but the tenants are welcome to remain on a weekly basis, he said. The part of the hotel not managed by the tenants will remain open.

But the Waldorf operators can't make weekly rent because artists and entertainers need commitments months in advance, according to a news release. It alleges the landlord, Marko Puharich, used the Waldorf's first-year financial troubles to shorten the terms of the lease.

More than 60 people will lose their jobs, and the closure is expected to have a trickle-down effect on the arts community, Fazio said.

"The Waldorf closing is a big loss to Vancouver's growing creative community," Mayor Gregor Robertson said in a statement. "The city is exploring ways to support the Waldorf continuing as one of Vancouver's most unique and vibrant cultural spaces."

The building at 1489 East Hastings St. is currently zoned for mixed-use commercial purposes, not residential development, according to the city. Council would need to approve any change in zoning after "extensive neighbourhood consultation." EMILY JACKSON/METRO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The Museum of Vancouver is giving noted Vancouverites and regular folks a chance to share their beef about one of the world's most livable cities.

Hanna Cho, MOV's curator of engagement and dialogue, said Vancouver I Love You But… will be an evening of confessional therapy where attendees can work with urban therapist Adrian Howells (who will come as his female persona, Adrienne) to process their feelings.

"We're inviting people to come on stage and talk about their love-hate relationship," Cho said Wednesday. "We want people to heal that strained relationship ... because it's unhealthy to let it fester."

Guest ranters include Stephen Quinn, host of CBC's On the Coast, author Kevin Chong and former Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan.

The event is inspired by Vancouver-born artist Tobias Wong's art and design exhibition at the MOV called Object(ing).

The last piece created by the artist before his death was a riff on the song, New York I Love You, But You're Bringing Me Down. Wong created a huge bead pendant that spells out that sentence in Morse code.

The event is on Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. Tickets are $15 or $12 for early birds (before Jan. 11) and MOV members.

Je ne sais quoi

"Vancouver is so beautiful and everyone loves it, but there's just something about it that brings you down."

Hanna Cho, Museum of Vancouver's curator of engagement and dialogue

Scottish performance artist and urban therapist Adrian Howells will work with Vancouverites as his alter ego Adrienne to process their love-hate relationship with the city at the Vancouver I Love You But... event at the Museum of Vancouver on Jan. 25. PHOTO COURTESY OF MUSEUM OF VANCOUVER

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Win some, lose some.
Gamblers to go ahead with lawsuit against BCLC

A B.C. judge says two problem gamblers who enrolled in a program that barred them from government-run casinos can go ahead with a class-action lawsuit to try to get their winnings back.

Michael Lee and Hamidreza Haghdust argue the British Columbia Lottery Corporation "wrongfully withheld" approximately $42,000 and $35,000 they won, respectively, while participating in the voluntary self-exclusion program.

Under the program, problem gamblers can register so they're barred from the corporation's facilities, and the corporation also refuses to pay out any winnings to participants.

The pair claim they put out considerable amount of money to win the jackpots and asked the B.C. Supreme Court to consolidate their lawsuits, arguing the corporation's decision to withhold jackpots was "unconscionable and a breach of contract."

While he didn't rule on the substance of the lawsuits, Justice John Savage certified the class-action lawsuit, saying there are common issues in the lawsuits and there is an identifiable class of two or more persons.

A date has yet to be set for the next court appearance, but Savage has asked the plaintiffs to develop a case-management plan to move the action forward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2006 sinking. Officer pleads not guilty in ferry crash that killed 2 people

The Queen of the North HANDOUT/METRO FILE

The officer in charge of a B.C. ferry when it struck an island and sank in 2006 has pleaded not guilty to charges of criminal negligence causing death.

Jury selection has now begun for the trial of Karl Lilgert, who was the navigation officer on the Queen of the North when it sank after ramming Gil Island on the north B.C. coast.

Passengers Gerald Foisey and Shirley Rosette died in the disaster but their bodies were never found.

Ninety-nine other passengers and crew survived.

Lilgert and a second crew member were the only ones on the bridge when the ship ran aground, and a Transportation Safety Board report found the two failed to make a critical course correction immediately before the crash.

Lilgert's trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 17. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seventeen civilians, two police officers and eight medical professionals were honoured with certificates of merit for their actions during the crazed rioting that broke out after the Canucks lost on June 15, 2011. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Bricks and fires didn't stop heroes

Certificates of merit.
Citizens honoured for brave actions during 2011 hockey riot

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Const. Mike Laurin needed three months of treatment to recover from the head wounds sustained while standing his ground to violent mobs in the Stanley Cup riot.

Bleeding profusely, he didn't quit after someone threw a brick at him — he simply focused on doing his job and protecting the city, he said at the Vancouver police board's award ceremony Wednesday.

Laurin was one of two officers awarded the chief constable's commendation for his devotion to duty during the riot.

Seventeen civilians and eight medical professionals were also honoured with certificates of merit for their actions during the crazed rioting that broke out after the Canucks lost on June 15, 2011.

Without regard for their safety, civilians defended property, extinguished fires and even removed a burning rag from a police car's gas tank.

Just as extraordinary, however, were those awarded for acts of heroism not related to the riot.

When a man armed with a knife broke into her home, civilian Wendy Dubois, her son and two bystanders chased and caught the burglar.

Const. Eric Davis was off duty when he saw two masked men attempting to rob a Surrey drug store. Despite being unarmed, he chased and captured one of the robbers.

Then there's Sgt. James Flewelling and Const. Jordan Lennox, who rappelled down a 29-storey building in the middle of the night to save a woman threatening to jump.

And without calling for backup, Const. Kal Dosanjh used physical force to arrest a man holding a victim against a wall with a four-inch knife against his neck.

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Botched probe must spark change: Lawyer

Soldier suicide. Investigation designed to absolve military, argues retired colonel

The pain endured by the family of an Edmonton soldier who killed himself should be used as a springboard for changes to the treatment of veterans and their loved ones, the family's lawyer said Wednesday.

The investigations into the 2008 suicide of Cpl. Stuart Langridge were handled in an inept manner, retired colonel Michel Drapeau told the Military Police Complaints Commission hearing.

After eight months of work and 92 witnesses, the hearing ended Wednesday, with Drapeau and lawyers for the government pressing their cases for a final time.

The public interest hearing was convened following complaints from Langridge's family that the investigation into their son's death was biased and designed to absolve the military.

Unimpressed

"It has created an extra layer of pain ... that was preventable ... had a modicum of transparency, accountability and basic compassion been displayed."

Retired colonel Michel Drapeau on investigations into the suicide of Cpl. Stuart Langridge.

Langridge, a veteran of Afghanistan and Bosnia, hanged himself in March 2008 following treatment for drug and alcohol addiction in a civilian hospital.

The inquiry heard how military police concealed Langridge's suicide note from his parents for 14 months, claiming it was evidence in a suspicious-death probe.

The National Investigation Service has acknowledged it mishandled the note and has improved its procedures since, said Korinda McLaine, lawyer for the federal government.

"Although it may be tempting to look back on the investigations with the perfect lens of hindsight, that would not be fair to the subjects in this complaint," she said.

There were also conflicting claims about whether the troubled soldier was on a suicide watch prior to his death. If so, the military would have been liable for his death.

The inquiry also heard how the final military police report into the death was heavily rewritten and censored.

All of this was to protect the military, not respect Langridge or his family, Drapeau said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hearing date set. Alleged murderer Luka Magnotta returns to the courtroom

An artist rendering of alleged killer Luka Rocco Magnotta in a Montreal court on Wednesday. MIKE MCLAUGHLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A shackled Luka Rocco Magnotta remained impassive as he made his first court appearance since last June on a first-degree murder charge in the gruesome slaying of a Montreal university student.

Lawyers set the stage on Wednesday for a preliminary hearing beginning March 11.

The hearing, which will determine whether the 30-year-old Ontario native is sent to trial, is scheduled to last at least two weeks and possibly resume in June.

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying and dismemberment of Chinese engineering student Jun Lin last May.

Most of the contents of Wednesday's 35-minute hearing cannot be revealed because of a publication ban.

The proceedings took place in a high-security courtroom where Magnotta sat throughout in a large prisoner's box. At the end, he used an intercom phone to speak briefly to his lawyer before being whisked away.

Magnotta faces other charges: Committing an indignity to a body; publishing obscene material; criminally harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other members of Parliament; and mailing obscene and indecent material.

Magnotta triggered an international manhunt after parts of Lin's body began turning up across the country.

He is accused of mailing Lin's body parts to different places, including the Ottawa offices of the Conservative Party of Canada, the Liberal Party of Canada and two Vancouver schools. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Berlusconi rails at 'communist,' 'feminist' judges

Silvio's hefty divorce settlement. Chief judge says she was 'hurt' by former Italian PM's accusations

Former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi has infuriated Italy's legal establishment by blasting a group of female magistrates as "feminist" and "communist" for what he said was a $258,000 US-a-day divorce settlement.

The comments — and the backlash — have added to the drama surrounding Berlusconi's return to public life amid his continued sexual and legal scandals and his new role as the leader of a centre-right coalition campaigning in Italy's Feb. 24-25 election.

Italian media initially reported that Berlusconi's divorce from his second wife, Veronica Lario, would cost him $46 million a year. That breaks down to about $129,000 a day.

Silvio Berlusconi GETTY IMAGES

But on Tuesday, Berlusconi told the La7 private television network that the amount was much higher. While he didn't detail how he got to a $258,000-a-day figure, he said he was ordered by the Milan magistrates to pay Lario $46.4 million a year, with another $93 million in back payments.

"These are three women judges, feminists and communists, OK?" the three-time ex-prime minister said. "These are the Milan judges who have persecuted me since 1994."

Berlusconi has long accused Milan prosecutors and magistrates of mounting politically inspired cases against him, and he frequently accuses his legal and political enemies of being communists.

Milan Chief Judge Livia Pomodoro said Wednesday that she was "surprised and hurt" by the remarks, and "as a woman I am degraded."

In a joint statement, Pomodoro and the head of Milan's appeals court "strongly rejected any insinuation of partiality" by the tribunal's judges.

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No royal rep? No meeting: Chief Spence

Hunger strike. First Nations leader calls on Queen to help get Governor General to Friday meeting

Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence abruptly changed her mind Wednesday, refusing to attend Friday's hard-won First Nations meetings with the federal government because Gov. Gen. David Johnston isn't planning to be there.

Spence — whose month-long protest on Victoria Island was predicated on winning a meeting with both Johnston and Prime Minister Stephen Harper — said she's written to Buckingham Palace to enlist the help of the Queen.

Social-media speculation that Johnston might change his mind was scotched Wednesday afternoon by a spokesperson for Rideau Hall: "As previously stated, the Governor General will not attend Friday's meeting. This has not changed."

Spence has been camped out on an island in the Ottawa River since Dec. 11, subsisting solely on fish broth and medicinal tea in hopes of convincing Harper and Johnston to sit down with First Nations leaders to discuss historical treaty rights.

Spence wants Johnston present at the meetings because the talks are supposed to focus on the treaty rights that were established by the Royal Proclamation of 1793, issued by King George III.

"We have sent a letter to Buckingham Palace, requesting that Queen Elizabeth II send forth her representative, which is the Governor General of Canada," she said in a statement.

A spokesperson for Johnston has said he would not attend the sessions on Friday because the gathering is a working meeting with government on public policy issues.

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Killer whales in a fight for their lives

Orcas surface for air in a small hole in the ice near Inukjuak, Que., on Wednesday. The community, in Quebec's Far North, wants Ottawa to deploy an icebreaker to free about a dozen of the whales cornered under a vast stretch of sea ice. Locals say the mammals have gathered around one hole in the ice — slightly bigger than a pickup truck — in their desperate bid to get oxygen. Mayor Peter Inukpuk believes a sudden drop in temperature recently caught the pod off guard, leaving them boxed in under the ice.

MARINA LACASSE/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hudson Bay

Stranded hunters save rescuer from helicopter

A pair of seal hunters stranded on Arctic ice had to become rescuers themselves Wednesday when the chopper sent to save them fell through the ice.

Capt. Jill Strelieff of 1 Canadian Air Division said the hunters made their way through the frigid water to pull the pilot to safety.

All three men were taken to hospital and treated for hypothermia.

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Worthy investment

Poll shows Canadian support for arts & culture

An overwhelming majority of Canadians believe arts and culture is worthy of government support, according to the results of a poll commissioned by Canadian Heritage. Asked how important it is that government supports arts and culture, 39 per cent chose "a great deal."

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Lump it! Half of Canucks contribute to RRSPs all at once

March 1 deadline. But stress of saving would be reduced by putting aside smaller sums throughout year, new survey finds

Canadians who are stressed about the annual RRSP deadline are not alone, according to a new study that found 60 per cent of respondents feel anxious about coming up with the money for their retirement savings.

And almost half of respondents to the survey — 49 per cent — who make an annual RRSP contribution do so in a lump sum, said the Bank of Montreal study released Wednesday.

The uneasiness around the March 1 deadline is understandable when Canadians have to deal with other financial priorities, said Marlena Pospiech, senior manager with BMO Wealth Planning Group.

"If they haven't saved regularly it could be really hard, especially coming out of the holiday season and if they have racked up a lot of debt over that time," Pospiech said.

The BMO study also found that 54 per cent of those surveyed would feel less stressed if they made regular RRSP contributions throughout the year to meet the deadline.

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Market Minute

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By the numbers

$4,670

BMO said that the average amount contributed to a registered retirement savings plan in 2011 was $4,670. Putting aside just under $400 a month in a continuous savings plan for an RRSP would generate that amount.

Out of this world

Contest offers trip to space

One Canadian will get the chance to become an astronaut as part of a contest that will send winners 100 kilometres into space.

Contestants will vie for a trip on a suborbital spacecraft named the Lynx, a two-seat space plane. They can join the "space academy" at AXEApollo.com, and create an astronaut profile to tell the world why they deserve to go to space.

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End of an era. So long Messenger, hello Skype

Those nostalgic for the days of overly personal status updates and usernames with alternating caps may be disappointed by Microsoft's latest move to retire its once-dominant MSN/Windows Live Messenger.

Accounts will be migrated over to Skype during the course of the first quarter of 2013, according to a blog post from Tony Bates, president of Microsoft's Skype division. To make the move from Messenger, users can simply download the latest version of Skype and log in.

Microsoft is moving users from its doomed Messenger service over to Skype. GETTY IMAGES

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IT'S ALL IN THE GAME — TIME TO MAKE UP

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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Yes, yes: I'm deeply shocked that people who make a lot of money are greedy, especially professional athletes and corporate owners, two groups that have such a strong record of selflessness.

Now pipe down. The game's on.

I'm unequivocally, unapologetically ecstatic the NHL is back from its four-month lockout. This apparently makes me a sheep, according to many bitter fans and newspaper columnists. Baa, baa, go Bruins.

I suffered as much as the next person — my local bar replaced hockey with '80s karaoke — but I know that any ill feelings will melt away for me as soon as the puck is dropped. Sorry.

If you're still bitter, you at least have some goodies coming your way. The NHL knows it has some making up to do and has announced a series of initiatives to help win back fans who are sore with the league. I've obtained a copy of their game plan, highlights of which are printed below.

NHL Fan Redemption Program: Don't Look Back in Fan-ger

Keep the goodies coming

Fans to get premium interest rates for any loans used at games to buy hotdogs and beer.

• "Thank you, fans" messages plastered throughout league will have not one, not two, not three but FOUR exclamation points, to show it's not hollow. They will be placed not just on the ice but also in other places where they can be easily viewed, such as on the seats in Phoenix.

• Ilya Bryzgalov, Tim Thomas and Paul Bissonnette to lead league-wide seminars on dealing with the media.

• The league hopes to put a positive spin on the work stoppage with a free download of Stompin' Tom Connor's little-heard Hockey Related Revenue Song. ("Hello out there, Bettman and Fehr; it's lockout night tonight. The Make Whole's closed and the pension grows, but the NHL's on ice…")

• Fans to get premium interest rates for any loans used at games to buy hotdogs and beer.

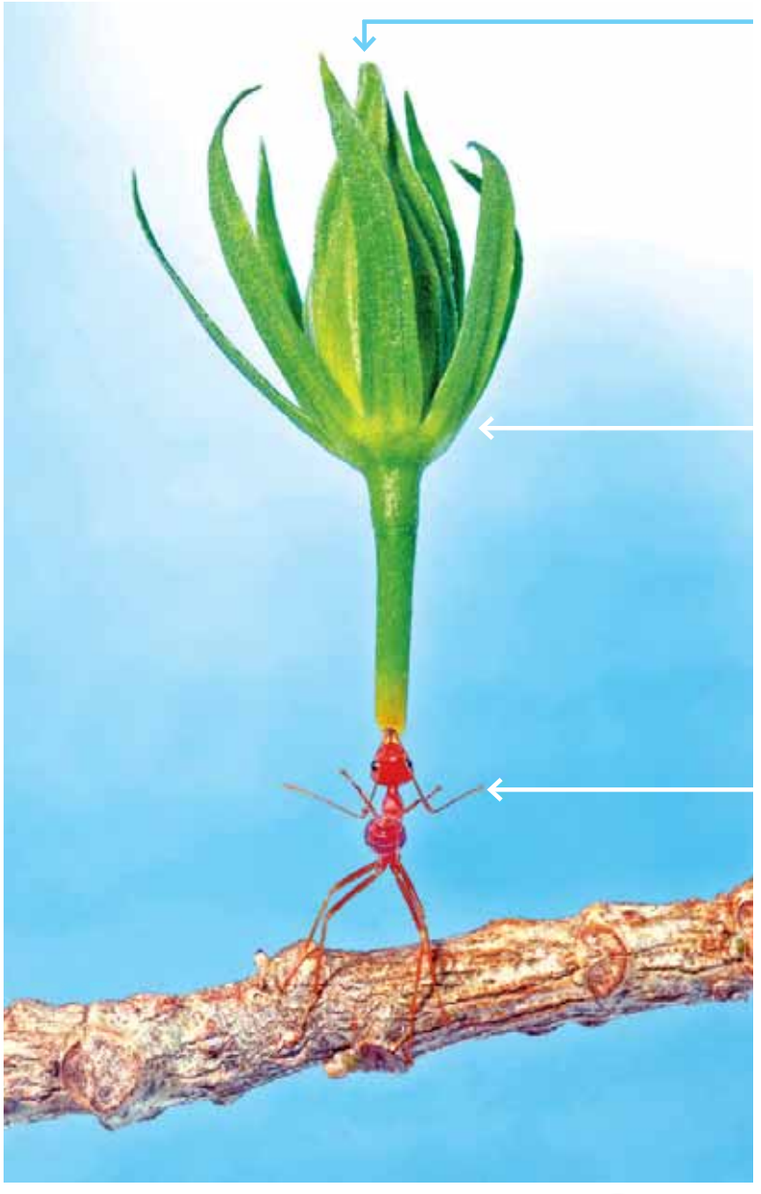
• The NHL will expand further to Corpus Christi, Texas, and Mobile, Ala., so that the current expansion teams don't seem so ridiculous. Other possibilities include Mexico, Japan and the molten-hot core of the earth. Anything but Hamilton.

• Half-price coupons for the season-ticket holders in Anaheim: specifically, David and Jennifer Boyd of 1058 Sunnyside Ave., Anaheim, Calif.

• Make NHL Centre Ice free, UNLESS revenue is less than $2.2 billion this season, in which case part of an NHL Centre Ice fund will go into escrow, which would then be distributed to Make Whole production costs, provided fans don't decide to file a disclaimer of interest, in which case ...

• Gary Bettman leaving NHL to take over NASCAR. His first goal will be to expand the sport into blue states and Canada.

Straight from the ant's mouth



Mighty balancing act

Insect shows off towering feat

This red ant puts on a show of incredible strength and balance as it lifts a large flower bud above its head. The insect stood on its hind legs and balanced the green shoot with its mouth as it sauntered across the tree branch. Photographer Lessy Sebastian, 48, spotted the ant near his mother's house in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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This bud's for you

"I got the idea to replace one of the leaves they were carrying with a little flower bud."

Lessy Sebastian, photographer.

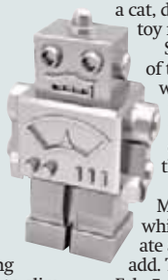
Sebastian intentionally added the flower bud to the pile of leaves the ants were gathering and sat back and waited for one to pick it up.

Ant facts

- **Legendary strength.** A leaf-cutter ant can carry a leaf 50 times its body weight.
- **As old as dinosaurs.** Harvard scientists estimate that ants first arose in the mid-Cretaceous period — about 110-130 million years ago.
- **Population.** Experts reckon ants number up to 10 quadrillion (10,000,000,000,000,000) — more than 140,000 times the human population.

Say your piece

Which token will lose its Free Parking spot?



The gig is almost up for one of the eight Monopoly tokens. But which will it be? Iron? Thimble? Top Hat?

Or another of their board-game buddies?

Hasbro is holding a Facebook contest to eliminate one of the eight tokens that identify the players and introduce a new one. Possible new tokens include a cat, diamond ring, guitar, toy robot and helicopter.

So if you are tired of the iron token and would rather be represented by a robot, here's your chance to make those wishes known.

Facebook fans of Monopoly can vote on which piece to eliminate and which one to add. The voting ends Feb. 5.

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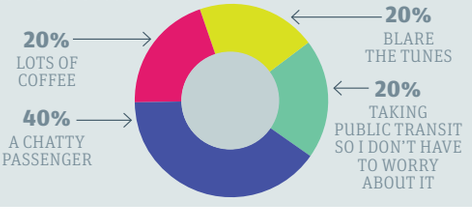
One in 24 U.S. adults have admitted to falling asleep behind the wheel. What's your best tip for staying alert on the road?



Twitter

@SteveNash: Wow! Thanks for all the love everyone. Especially all the teammates that made me look good through the years. But....we need a win...bad.

@sportsnetmurph: I believe today's skate was only Kesler's 1st or 2nd in the last six weeks. #canucks

@RealKyper: #NHL news: Source saying #Canucks Luongo still very much in the hunt to become a #Leaf despite GM Burke relieved of his duties.

@HaileyB14: @VanCanucks Checking http://canucks.nhl.com everyday to see if the schedule is up #cantwaitanylonger

@DamoSpin: Nonis will ABSOLUTELY make a strong push to get Roberto Luongo from Vancouver. Take that to the bank.

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PuSh — it's real good

This year's PuSh International Performing Arts Festival features a 'Human Library' where people can check out human books for a 20-30 minute chat. SUBMITTED/FAIREN BERCHARD

Human Library.
Performance art piece aimed at fighting hate

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Fair to say that last year was a pretty good one for the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival. After all, the eighth annual event brought in a total audience of 20,000, had 27 sold-out shows and an average house capacity of 80 per cent.

Not too shabby.

Not so good was that it also featured an arresting performance by festival director Norman Armour, who collapsed unconscious after suffering a full cardiac arrest during the intermission of Mary Margaret O'Hara & Peggy Lee at Performance Works.

What's great about the festival this year is that it's still helmed by Armour, who made a full recovery thanks to some quick-thinking bystanders, some well-trained paramedics and the empathetic caregivers at Vancouver General Hospital.

It also has some new shows. One really cool one (there are lots) is Human Library, which features the tagline "Borrow a book, discover a person."

Here's the premise: hit up the Vancouver Public Library's Central Branch on show dates, then head to the special PuSh Festival circulation desk on the third floor and get a Human Library card — which gives you access to one of thirty possible human books.

Sign out titles like Islamophobe, Polyamorous, and Refugee and you'll be connected to the person behind that title.

Instead of reading, you can chat with that person for 20-30 minutes.

Human Library is a Stop the Violence initiative that was launched in Copenhagen in 2000 as a method of fighting hate by promoting dialogue, reducing prejudices and encouraging understanding.

It's a unique way to connect people who normally wouldn't have the opportunity to do so: over the last dozen years, readers from 65 countries have connected with thousands of human books.

The best part is that during PuSh, Human Library is free and open to the public. Books are available on a first-come, first-service basis on the day of the performance.

Human Library runs Jan. 18-20, 25-27 and Feb. 1-3 from noon until 4 p.m. at the Vancouver Public Library.

The PuSh Festival opens Jan. 15 and runs until Feb. 3 at various venues. Visit PuShFestival.ca for more information.

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Justin Bieber ALL GETTY IMAGES

After another fight Gomez is 'done' with Bieber

Justin Bieber has been having a turbulent 2013 so far, and it may all stem from his failed attempts to patch things up with Selena Gomez. The pair reportedly embarked on a New Year's getaway to Puerta Vallarta, Mexico, but Gomez left before any champagne bottles could be opened, according to Us Weekly. "They had another huge fight, and Selena won't forgive him," a source says of Gomez, who flew home Dec. 30. "Selena is done with him."

Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling

Gosling's mom given key to Eva Mendes' closet

Ryan Gosling's girlfriend, Eva Mendes, didn't make it to the Gangster Squad premiere earlier this week, but some of her stuff did at least. "My mother's wearing all my girlfriend's clothes," Gosling, who brought along mom Donna as his date, told E! News. Donna, donning a short dress and elaborate trench coat, confirmed, "I'm wearing Eva Mendes. She let me raid her closet."

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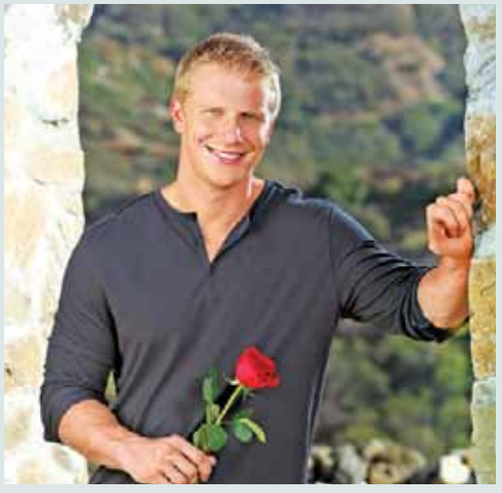

An opinion on what The Bachelor is really thinking

THE WORD
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In Touch magazine has "exclusive pics" of the "sexiest bachelor ever" in this week's edition. The mag shows this season's star of The Bachelor, Sean Lowe, with his torso wrapped in a blue towel as he channels his inner Angelina in an undisclosed shower somewhere.

After he covered up, he gave an insightful interview to the magazine. (Just kidding! It was a totally generic chat!) Lowe, who is a former linebacker and works as an insurance salesman, says he is "very hopeful that I'll meet a great girl" on the show. "I would love to get married. I'm absolutely ready for love."

As he whittles down the pool of 26 single, desperate women to his one true love on national television, he has an idea of what he is looking for. "She has to be genuine, want the same things I want, and have a great sense of humour," he says.

Just for once, I wish these guys would speak the truth: "I'm looking for someone who is as fame-hungry yet dim-witted as I am, who will pretend to be my girlfriend for the allotted time our contract spells out. She should also be skinny and look like a professional dancer from Reno. Not eating my arm in my sleep due to starving herself through most of her 20s is also a bonus."

Lindsay Lohan

Lohan's mother blames Lindsay's dad for their daughter's problems

Dina Lohan says all of daughter Lindsay Lohan's problems can be blamed on Michael Lohan being an awful husband. "Lindsay saw her dad abuse me. That's why she's so screwed up," Dina tells the New York Daily News. "She saw a lot of crazy stuff. I want the world to know the root of her problems." Michael, for his part, refutes the claims. "She's bringing this up now because she's drinking and partying with Lindsay," he says. "And she keeps robbing Lindsay. She is the devil."

Twitter

@rihanna
I bet you wanna know what Im all about

@Sethrogen
They may have made a disgusting mockery of news media as we know it, but Fox has put together one hell of a Tuesday lineup.

@RebelWilson
I got dressed in the dark this morning (weirdly, I look better than usual..maybe I should cut off the electricity more often?)

@SethMacFarlane
Just want to point out that the dinner party in "The Hobbit" is the same length as an actual dinner party.

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Will, here I am!

Oh, this right here?
When Will.i.am. gets dressed, he wants you to notice his clothes — and gadgets too. He talks techcessories, Kanye West and Japanese fashion.

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Will.i.am's foto.sosho is being marketed as the world's first digital camera and app combination for the iPhone 4s and iPhone 5. It transforms phones into a digital cameras with photo filters, image editing and instant social media upload.
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"It's like warp speed now and BOOM! It's pretty exciting." That's how Will.i.am describes taking his i.am+ iPhone accessory from conception to the shop floor in just seven months. We're sitting in a recording studio in London talking about his love of gadgets and fashion, which, by the way, hasn't gone unnoticed amongst his music pals.

DJ David Guetta describes him as "a bit of a crazy scientist who has difficulty with only doing one thing at a time." So true. Right now, his long list of side projects include appearing as a judge on Britain's version of The Voice, an album with Guetta and a X-Factor-style television show that he plans to release in late 2013.

What were you trying to achieve with the i.am+ project?
Let's take a tourist with their camera and their sense of odyssey, documentation and pleasure and turn this into a cool, wearable camera. It's an iPhone case that actually serves a functional purpose — it's phone, function and fashionology. Personalization, customization and rare oddities are the season right now. You can have anything right now, but what about limitation and exclusivity? You don't want to go all the way Steampunk because Steampunk is like super, super, super, dooper rare. What I mean is, the design has to pay tribute to limitation and functionality.

A lot of celebrities branch out into design and fashion, why do you think it's becoming so commonplace?
You want my honest opinion? Their manager told them that they could make some money here.

Like who?
I don't want to put people under a bus.

What do you think of Kanye West's line?
Kanye, I see his passion and I understand his passion. He's going to figure it out.

Is that your way of saying his clothing line still needs some work?
No, Kanye's game is that he wants to design. He's saying, "I want you guys to see my stuff." That's dope, right? He's not playing the usual (celebrity) game — he's passionate.

Would you buy any of his designs?
Yeah, because I like going for treasures. I want people to say, "Where did you get that?" "Oh, this right here? This is one of Kanye's pieces." I got it. They're conversation pieces.

Speaking of conversation pieces, you collaborated on a collection with the Japanese label Rynshu. How did you discover the line?
I was that guy who said, "Where did you get that? Rynshu? What the hell's Rynshu? Can you text it to me?"

What kind of guy wears Rynshu?
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Sounds like you. You've had a few different looks over the years. How do you know when it's time to change it up?
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How would you describe your look at the moment?
Short in the back, long in the front, draping on top and skinny on the bottom — with big shoes.

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If each outfit were a song, what would Will.i.am call it?

"I'd call that one Ghetto Egypt. It's fit but loose. I like different shades of black and gold. Right now, all the kids are rocking two chains, so I'm rocking five."

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"I'd call this look, Peace. (Laughs) Err, we were being fun and young. No ... no, I wouldn't wear that now."

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Halifax

Katie Tower
Graphic designer
Age: 26

What she's wearing
Club Monaco coat, Madewell shirt, Urban Outfitters necklace, H&M skirt, Hansel from Basel tights, Boots from Soula in Brooklyn, Topshop purse.

Her inspiration
"I dress for my mood and the weather. I also take inspiration from blogs and stylish people I see on the street."

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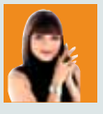

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Showing your home? Make it perfect

It takes more than just luck to sell your house. With proper evaluation of both your property and the current market, your chances of success are greatly increased. But many factors can ultimately contribute to a successful showing/sale of your home. Here are five tips you might consider when selling your largest financial asset, from Todd Talbot Host of Love It or List It Vancouver. The show premiered Monday on W Network.

First impressions

Many folks forget the first impression! Even before a buyer sees your home, they need to get through the front door. Make sure that the key and the lock work effortlessly. Don't leave instructions to "pull hard on the door, jiggle the key to the left, then quickly to the right". First question I'd be thinking: "What else is wrong with this place?"

Be prepared

Make sure everyone living at the house is aware when showings are scheduled. The buyer and the Realtor knock, then audibly announce their arrival, but you can't hear because you are in the shower. Wandering out of the shower as potential buyers are wandering down the hall is awkward. It happens!

Appropriate presentation

Ensure the house has an appropriate presentation. False teeth on the bedside table, or a camera on a tripod pointed at the bed tend to draw focus away from the house. Make sure that the house — and only the house — is the most memorable aspect of the tour.

Know your weaknesses

Do you really want to be at the meeting when the offer is presented? Will you be helpful to the negotiations or harmful? Can you control your emotional response? Are you so friendly and chatty that you detract from the process? Know your strengths and above all, know your weaknesses and discuss a strategy with your Realtor. Remember that while your home is your pride and joy, ultimately the sale of that home is a business transaction. And that can be hard emotionally. Your Realtor is a professional who acts on your instructions. Sometimes the best choice is to let your agent negotiate reporting back to you when a decision needs to be made.

Plan the closing day

Pick dates for completion and possession that allow you to seamlessly move into your new home. It's not ideal to have to keep all your worldly possessions in a moving truck for a few days while you wait for your new house. So have a plan in mind that you discuss with your Realtor in advance of receiving an offer.

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Cure the winter blahs with Italian-style Onion Soup with Poached Egg

1. In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook the pancetta until it is golden. Transfer it to a plate using a slotted spoon.

2. Return the saucepan to medium heat. Add the olive oil and onions, then cook, covered but stirring occasionally, until very soft, about 20 minutes. Remove the cover and cook, stirring frequently, for another 35 to 45 minutes, or until the onions are golden brown and caramelized. Add the wine and boil until it is reduced by half. Add the broth and simmer for another 20 minutes.

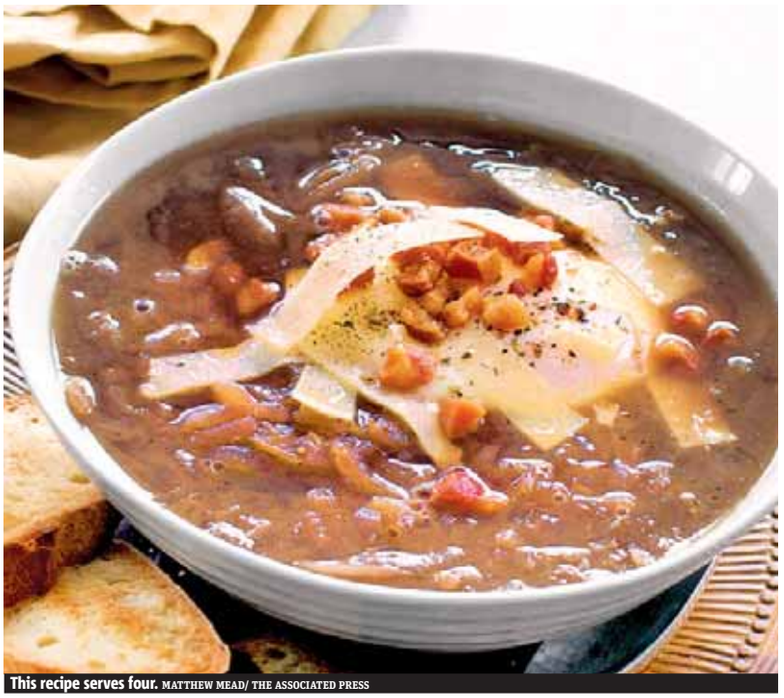
3. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a low simmer. Add the vinegar.

4. Crack each egg into a small glass. One at a time, gently and slowly pour each egg into the simmering water, bringing the lip of the glass right down to the water so that the egg slides in. Depending on the size of your pan, you may need to cook them in 2 batches. Cook for 4 minutes, then use a slotted spoon to lift each egg out (letting excess water drip away).

5. To serve, ladle the soup into 4 bowls. Top each with a poached egg, sprinkle with some of the cheese, some of the pancetta and pepper to taste. Serve each portion with 2 toasts on the side. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF THREE COOKBOOKS, INCLUDING SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.**

Ingredients

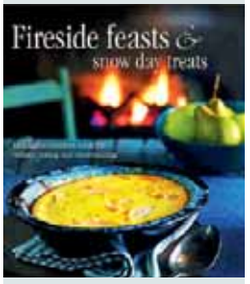
- 2 oz chopped pancetta
- 3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 lbs yellow onions, thinly sliced
- 1 cup red wine
- 5 cups low-sodium beef or chicken broth
- Kosher salt
- 1 tbsp white or cider vinegar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/2 oz Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, finely grated (about 1/2 cup)
- Ground black pepper
- Eight 1/2-inch-thick baguette slices, toasted



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cookbook of the Week

Foods that will warm you right up



When it's chilly outside, we crave those comfort foods. In Fireside Feasts & Snow Day Treats, you get plenty of warming dishes, including Over-braised Lamb Shanks with Potatoes and Tomatoes, Steak and Blue Cheese Salad, Chicken Pot Pie with Tarragon and Leeks, Hazelnut Cheesecake Bars and more.

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NHL

Burke out, Nonis in as Leafs GM

Brian Burke's colourful tenure as general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs was never short on drama.

So it seemed only fitting that his departure from the team would shock the entire hockey world.

The Leafs dropped the bombshell on Wednesday, announcing they had relieved the fiery Burke of his duties as president and general manager and replaced him with his right-hand man, Dave Nonis.

In four seasons with Burke at the helm, the Leafs never reached the playoffs.

Tom Anselmi, the president of Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment, said Burke, 57, will remain with the team as a senior adviser.

Nonis is getting a chance to run an NHL club for the second time. He also replaced a fired Burke after his mentor's dismissal in Vancouver in 2004.

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Dave Nonis
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NHL

Bettman to fans: 'I'm sorry'

With the third lockout on his watch finally nearing its end, Gary Bettman appeared a humble and apologetic man.

The NHL commissioner told fans, players and sponsors that he was sorry the start of the season was delayed by more than three months. The apology came in the form of an unexpected "personal statement" delivered to reporters on Wednesday, after he announced that owners had unanimously voted in favour of ratifying the new collective-bargaining agreement.

"To the players who were very clear they wanted to be on the ice and not negotiating labour contracts, to our partners who support the league financially, and personally and most importantly to our fans, who love and have missed NHL hockey, I'm sorry," Bettman said. "I know that an explanation or an apology will not erase the hard feelings that have built up ... but I owe you an apology nevertheless."

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Wolves circle Canucks' 2nd-line centre spot

Top-6 chance. Andrew Ebbett and Jordan Schroeder among players auditioning for injured Kesler's spot

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Ryan Kesler was on the ice Wednesday, but not with his teammates.

His return to complete health after separate shoulder and wrist surgeries this off-season remains up in the air.

That has opened the door for a group of players to potentially earn the second-line centre job.

Andrew Ebbett and Jordan Schroeder, who were sent to the AHL's Chicago Wolves when the lockout began in September, skated with the Canucks at UBC Wednesday.

Both are aware that with Kesler out, there's a chance in the meantime to earn a position among the top-six forwards.

"I've done it before. I played in Anaheim in the second-line centre spot," said Ebbett, who had seven goals and 21 points in 29 games with Chicago.

"If that's where (head coach Alain Vigneault) wants me to play, I'm happy to fill that role and I think I've been playing well enough down there, playing centre, and I'm ready to do that."

The bulk of the pressure, however, falls on Schroeder, the Canucks' 2009 first-round pick.

The 22-year-old speedster got off to a slow start with the Wolves, failing to score in the first five games of the season.

He also endured a nine-game goal-scoring drought from the end of November and through December, but had six assists during that span.

"It's slowly improving. I've definitely gotten better and better as the season went on and feel like I'm playing great hockey right now," Schroeder said.

Canucks general manager Mike Gillis said Sunday that the team could do the "unconventional" by moving a winger to centre.

Chris Higgins seems like the probable candidate.

Higgins has experience up the middle, particularly during his time with the Montreal Canadiens.

"I think with a little bit of practice I could play, but obviously I prefer to play wing," Higgins said on Tuesday.

"With Ryan out, someone's going to have to step up and play centre and whether it comes from within the lineup or from guys that are playing in Chicago, that's not my call. But I'm open for whatever the team wants."

Jordan Schroeder will try to make the jump from the Canucks' AHL affiliate Chicago Wolves to Vancouver's second line.
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"I definitely want to try to come in and earn that spot."

Vancouver's 2009 first-rounder Jordan Schroeder on getting a chance to fill the Canucks' vacant second-line centre spot

Free agents. Barker just skating at UBC ... for now

Cam Barker skated with members of the Vancouver Canucks and fellow free agent defenceman Jim Vandermeer on Wednesday, but maintains he was just out for the skate.

Barker, 26, was a first-round draft pick, third overall, of the Chicago Blackhawks in 2004.

There have been reports this week that the Canucks could offer the free agent a tryout for training camp.

"My agent's talking to teams right now," Barker told reporters.

"I live in Penticton, came back there after the Spengler Cup and not a lot of guys around there to skate so thought I'd come here.

"Obviously I'd love to play for the Canucks, but ... like I said, my agent is talking to teams. If that was the case it would be amazing."

Barker made his NHL debut with Chicago on Oct. 14, 2005, but has yet to play a full season in the league.

Last season, Barker played 25 games with the Edmonton Oilers but missed nearly three months with an ankle injury that required surgery.

Barker signed a professional tryout contract with the American Hockey League's Texas Stars but was released in December. He recently played for Canada at last month's Spengler Cup.

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Free agent defencemen Cam Barker, left, and Jim Vandermeer look on during an informal hockey practice with the Vancouver Canucks at the University of British Columbia on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Whitecaps release sked, turn attention to draft

MLS. Vancouver club looks to turn corner with combine and SuperDraft

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The start of the 2013 Major League Soccer regular season is getting closer.

On Wednesday, the league — and locally, the Vancouver Whitecaps — released the schedule for the upcoming season.

The Whitecaps open up at BC Place on March 2 against rival Toronto FC. They'll host the L.A. Galaxy — minus David Beckham — in a rematch of last year's first-round playoff game on May 11, and welcome the Portland Timbers to Vancouver for the first time in 2013 on May 18.

The Seattle Sounders FC makes its first visit to Vancouver on July 6. The two teams first meet in Seattle on June 8.

"It's been nice to have a break but now I really can't wait to get back to it," said Whitecaps head coach Martin Rennie.

Many of the home dates still don't have a determined game time due to the end of the NHL lockout.

"Broadcasters will need to determine their times on both games and then we'll figure out from there what times will be for our games," said club president Bob Lenarduzzi.

The Whitecaps qualified for the MLS Cup playoffs in just their second year in the league, but just barely.

The Whitecaps won only once in their remaining 10 regular-season games. Their struggles highlighted the need for improvement, particularly in the attacking third.

It's been a quiet off-season so far, but Rennie and Lenarduzzi say that could change, particularly with the MLS player combine beginning Friday and the MLS SuperDraft on Jan. 17.

The Whitecaps hold the fifth and 10th overall picks, but Lenarduzzi didn't rule out the possibility of moving one of them.

"There are a lot of clubs that value those picks. We value them highly as well," said Lenarduzzi. "However, if we can upgrade our roster in a spot we're looking to do so, then we would consider perhaps trading one of those picks."

Lenarduzzi added that often-criticized designated players Kenny Miller and Barry Robson are coming back this season.

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Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi

Gershon Koffie of the Vancouver Whitecaps, right, and Mike Magee of the Los Angeles Galaxy vie for the ball during a MLS playoff match Nov. 1, 2012, in Carson, Calif. The Whitecaps host the Galaxy in a rematch of the playoff game on May 11. VICTOR DECOLONGON/GETTY IMAGES

NBA. Seattle investor contacts Kings' owners

Investor Chris Hansen has contacted the Maloof family about buying the Sacramento Kings, setting up the possibility of the NBA's return to Seattle.

Hansen's interest was confirmed Wednesday by people with knowledge of the situation. They spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because no deal has been reached.

One person said the Kings could sell for more than $500 million US. The Kings' future in Sacramento has been uncertain because the Maloofs and the city haven't been able to come up with a long-term arena solution.

Yahoo! Sports first reported the discussions between the Kings and Hansen. Yahoo! reported a possible sale could land the Kings in Seattle for the 2013-14 season, where the team would play at KeyArena as a temporary home until a new arena is constructed.

"I know as much as you do," Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn said when asked about the situation. "If it's true, ain't it cool?"

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Investor Chris Hansen
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WHL

Giants lose wild one at end of busy day of trades

The Vancouver Giants were busy off the ice Wednesday, making a pair of trades the day before the Western Hockey League trade deadline.

And then they nearly pulled off a comeback against the Lethbridge Hurricanes later in the evening to close out a five-game Alberta road trip.

The Giants traded 20-year-old Trevor Cheek to the Edmonton Oil Kings in exchange for a second-round pick in this year's bantam draft. Cheek had 18 goals and 32 points in 39 games for the Giants, who acquired him from the Calgary Hitmen in September.

Vancouver then dealt 17-year-old defenceman Stewart Coyle to the Spokane Chiefs for a sixth-round pick in the 2016 draft.

The Giants spotted the Hurricanes a 5-0 lead less than 11 minutes into the first period.

But after scoring the next four markers to get within a goal entering the third period, they couldn't come all the way back in a 7-4 loss.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is no limit to what you can do over the next few days, but you must have a clear idea of what it is you wish to accomplish. The chance of a lifetime could be heading your way at this very moment.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Listen carefully to what someone tells you today and start thinking of ways you can use this information to make your everyday life more enjoyable. What you do with this knowledge matters more than where it came from.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You have some serious issues to deal with, issues that will determine whether you make a big profit or a big loss. The most important thing is that your aims are realistic. Also, stick to what you are good at.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You are determined to get to the bottom of a situation that has been worrying you for many weeks. What you find may surprise you but it will also help you understand why certain people have been acting strangely.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Pace yourself sensibly today because the planets warn if you don't slow down you could do yourself some harm. If what you put into a task is more than what you get out of it then it's time to stop.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is still a good time of year for you and with Venus now moving through the most dynamic area of your chart romance and creativity are under excellent stars. What does your heart desire most? Go out and get it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Cosmic activity in the domestic sector of your chart will make it easy to find the words that make a difference when dealing with loved ones and relatives. Always be nice, even when others are not being nice to you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will turn on the charm today and get anything — yes, anything — you desire. When the mood takes you, as it does now, you know exactly what to say to wrap friends and loved ones round your little finger.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Because you don't like to cause a scene, you may have let someone get away with too much in recent weeks. Now you must get a grip on the situation and make sure they know it was a one-off event.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
People will make a better job of things if you give them the freedom to make decisions. With both the Sun and Venus moving through your sign, you don't have to worry about them getting it wrong.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must never be afraid to use a few harsh words if you think they are needed, and it seems they are needed now. Partners and work colleagues must be made to realize that you will not be pushed around.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Cosmic activity in some of the more dynamic areas of your chart will give you the energy and the self-belief to put yourself on show over the next 24 hours. Don't worry what others might think – just be yourself.

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Crossword: Canada Across & Down

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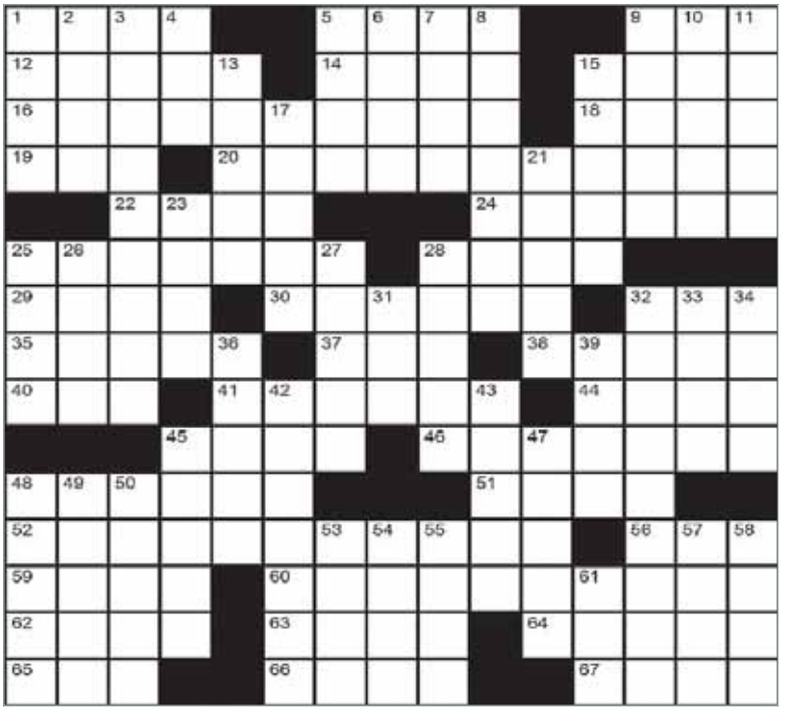

Across

1. Peggys __, NS
5. Ottawa-born singer/songwriter Paul
9. 7's phone letters
12. Crunchy
14. Luxury label
15. Character in The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, __ Bones
16. "ET Canada" co-host Rick
18. Capital of Latvia
19. 2-__ tissue
20. "Stompa" is a hit off this Juno-winner's latest album 'Harmony': 2 wds.
22. Ms. MacNeil
24. Good
25. Trend in manicures: 2 wds.
28. Green Gables girl
29. Approx. take-offs
30. Shakespearean verse
32. Angkor __ (Temple in Cambodia)
35. Pool nuisance
37. Pre-__ student
38. Rocker Bryan
40. Affiliation
41. Canadian grocery store chain
44. Diva's vocal
45. Power symbols for Pharaohs
46. Ads-emailed-in-bulk source
48. Maggie Smith's "Downton Abbey" role
51. Nitassinan is their homeland
52. Winnipeg's __ Park
56. French possessive
59. Miss Lane of comics
60. Canadian director David
62. "Before _ __ you go..."
63. $uffix to 'Billion'
64. Heckle
65. Rep.'s political rival
66. Parked cars areas
67. Tori of tunes

Down

1. USSR, to Russians
2. Toothbrush brand, __-B
3. The great victory, and sacrifice, of the Canadian Corps of April 9th to April 12th, 1917: The Battle of __ __
4. Clairvoyance, commonly
5. French aviation pioneer, Clement __
6. Egypt's river
7. City on the Rhein
8. She gave Theseus thread to escape the Minotaur's labyrinth
9. "__ & Prejudice" (2005)
10. Vancouver-born actor Seth
11. Intelligent
13. Penne, for example
15. Actress, __ Dallas Howard
17. Approaches
21. Designer, Oscar de la __
23. Ingrid's "Casablanca" (1942) role
25. "Nifty!"
26. Mythical Hun king
27. Pyramids, pretty much
28. Comic actor Mr. Samberg's
31. Social pages word
32. Canadian __ (Military attraction in Ottawa): 2 wds.
33. Marie-Claire's friend
34. Ivan the Terrible's job
36. German industrial city
39. Rhett's famous word
42. Hakim __ (Eyewear chain)
43. Back
45. Names on it are Brad, Halle, George, etc.
47. Concerning
48. Authenticated
49. River of Brittany in France
50. Susan Aglukark song: "_ __"
53. Vigour
54. Astronomy's __ cloud
55. Chemical suffixes
57. Rubik's Cube inventor, __ Rubik
58. Mil. titles
61. Farm call

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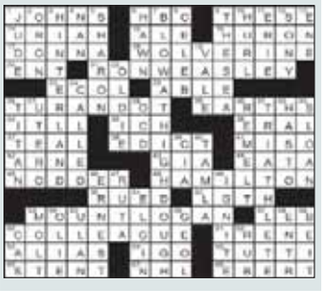

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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	9						3	6
6			2		1		5	3
	1			8			4	
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7	4						2	
		6		2	3	4		7
	8		5		4	3		

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	2	3	7	9	8	6	1	4
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2	8	5	1	4	3	7	9	6
6	1	9	5	7	2	8	4	3
7	3	4	9	8	6	1	2	5
4	5	2	8	3	1	9	6	7
8	7	1	4	6	9	5	3	2
3	9	6	2	5	7	4	8	1

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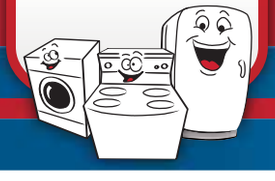

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